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## FOREWORD

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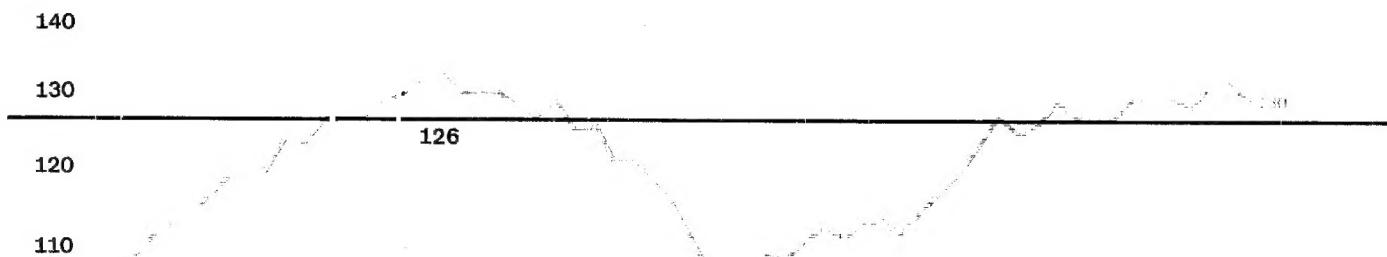
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**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEX: 1970=100, seasonally adjusted**

**United States**

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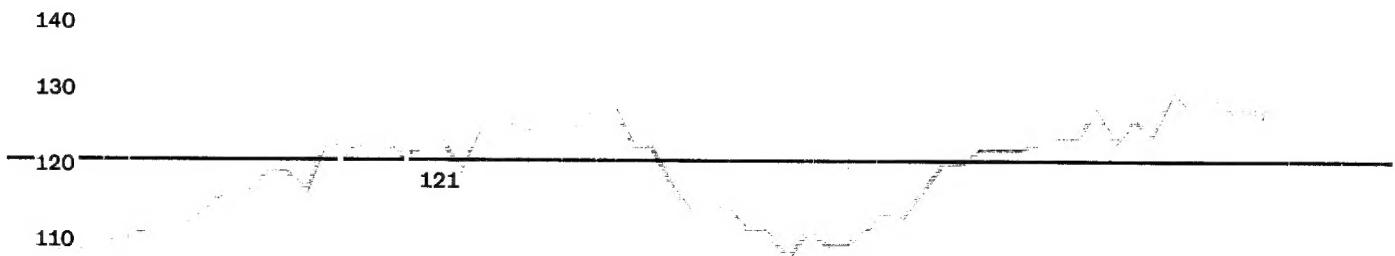
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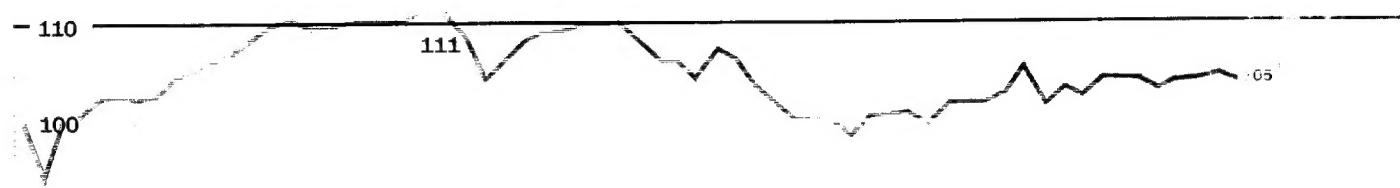
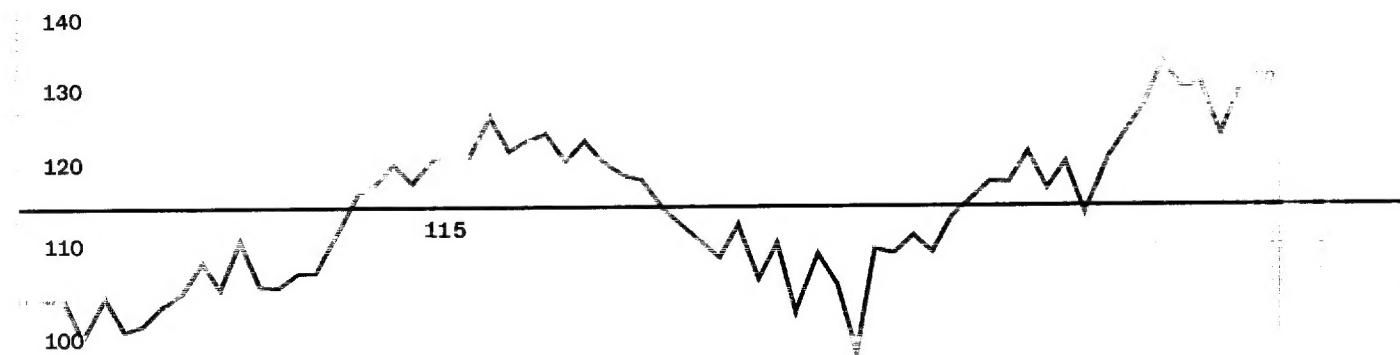


**France**



**United Kingdom**

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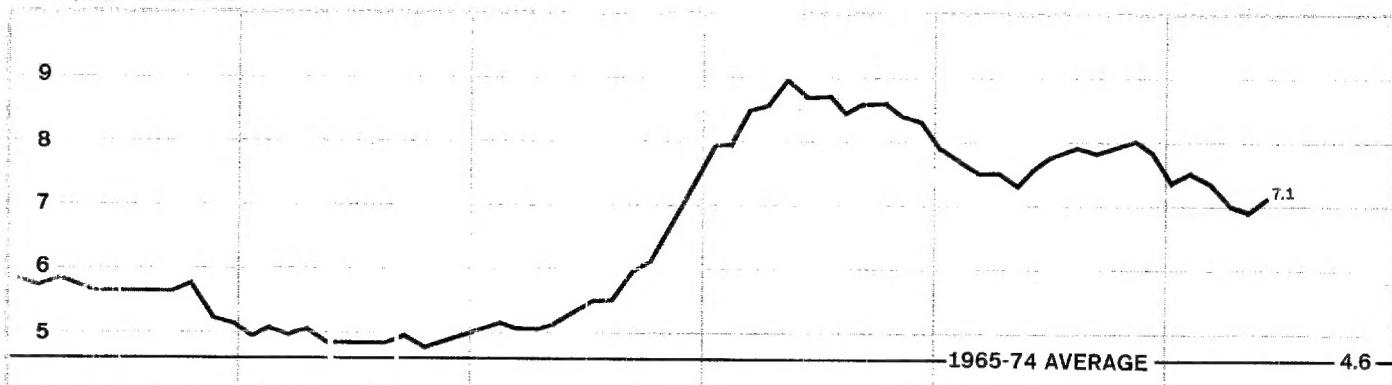
**Italy****Canada**

JAN	APR	JUL	OCT														
<b>1972</b>				<b>1973</b>				<b>1974</b>				<b>1975</b>			<b>1976</b>		<b>1977</b>

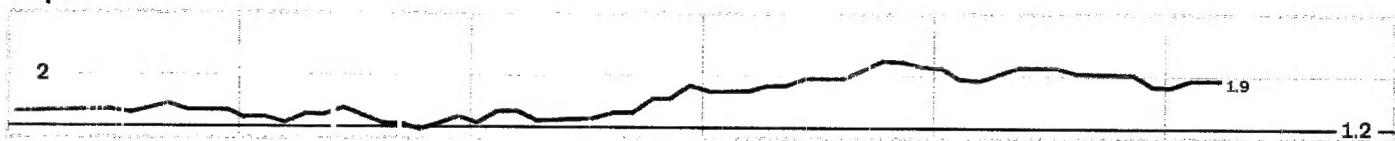
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			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>1</sup>			1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>1</sup>	
<b>United States</b>	JUN 77	0.7	3.7	6.5	12.4	<b>United Kingdom</b>	APR 77	-0.8	0.7	1.4	4.2
<b>Japan</b>	MAY 77	2.0	3.9	4.3	6.1	<b>Italy</b>	MAY 77	4.7	3.9	6.1	10.5
<b>West Germany</b>	MAY 77	1.7	1.9	2.7	2.3	<b>Canada</b>	APR 77	-0.3	3.9	1.8	3.8
<b>France</b>	APR 77	-1.6	3.6	4.1	3.2						

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**UNEMPLOYMENT PERCENT OF LABOR FORCE**

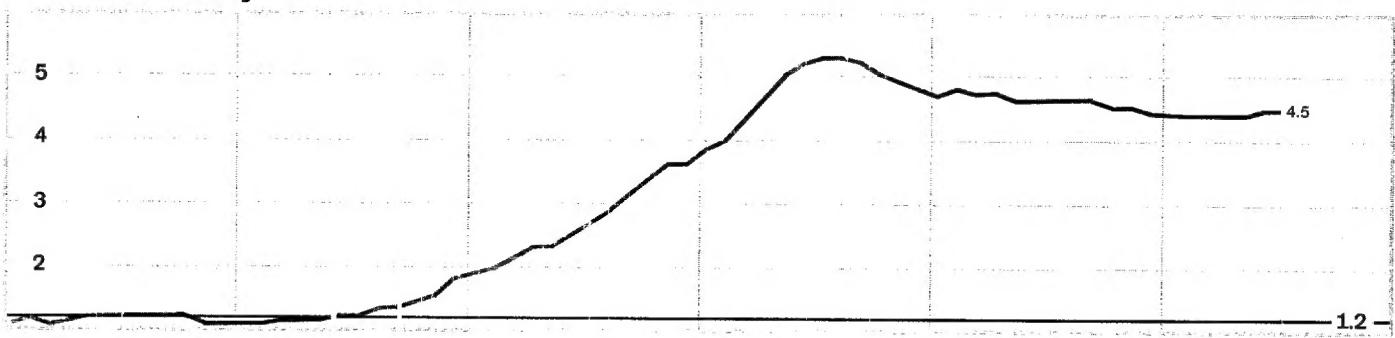
**United States**



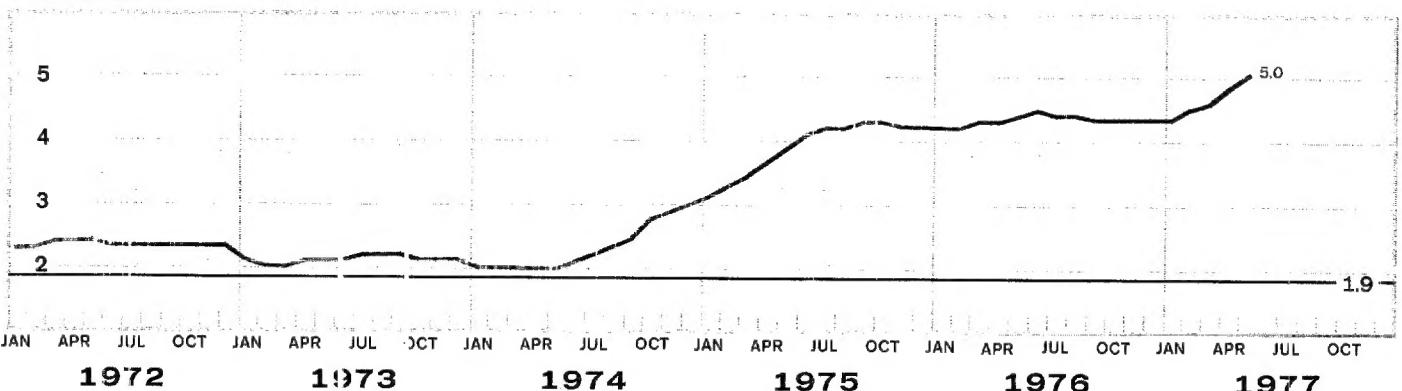
**Japan**

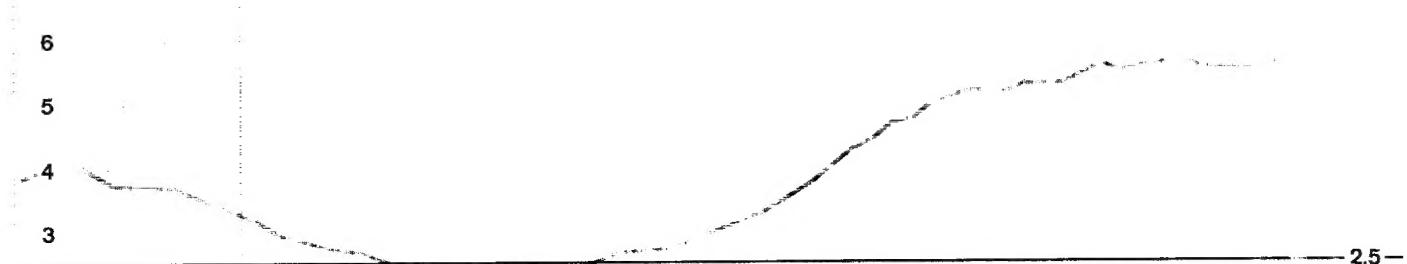
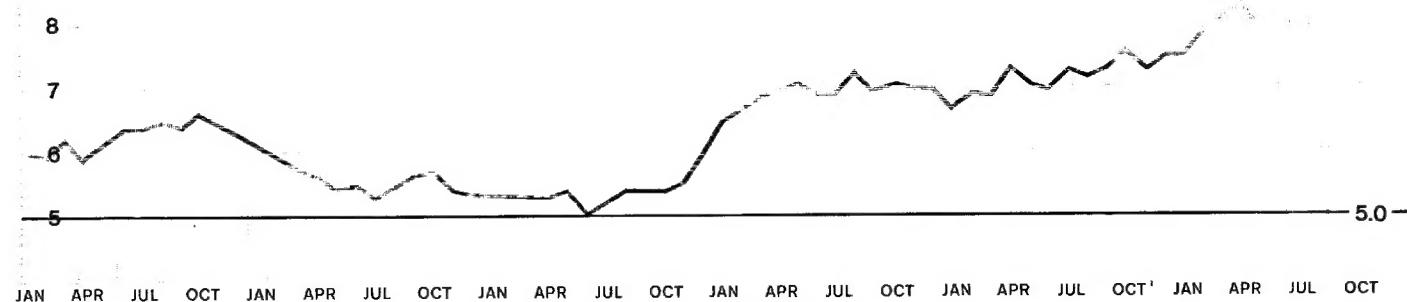


**West Germany**



**France**



**United Kingdom****Italy (quarterly)****Canada****THOUSANDS OF PERSONS UNEMPLOYED**

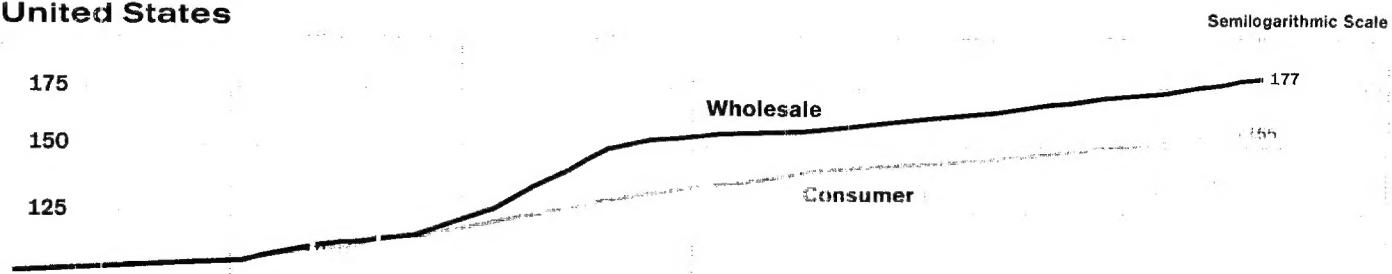
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<b>United States</b>	JUN 77	6.962	7,171	7,064	<b>United Kingdom</b>	JUN 77	1,353	1.26	.321
<b>Japan</b>	APR 77	1,020	1,090	1,000	<b>Italy</b>	/S IV	777	691	776
<b>West Germany</b>	JUN 77	1,034	1,051	993	<b>Canada</b>	JUN 77	847	721	856
<b>France</b>	MAY 77	1,097	953	972					

NOTE: Data are seasonally adjusted. Unemployment rates for France are estimated. The rates shown for Japan, Italy and Canada are roughly comparable to US rates. For 1975-77, the rates for France and the United Kingdom should be increased by 5 percent and 15 percent respectively, and those for West Germany decreased by 20 percent to be roughly comparable with US rates.

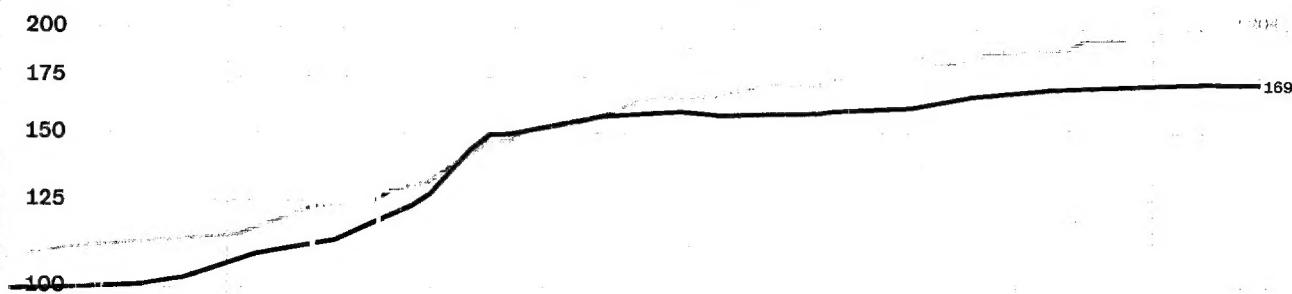
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**DOMESTIC PRICES<sup>1</sup>** INDEX: 1970=100

**United States**



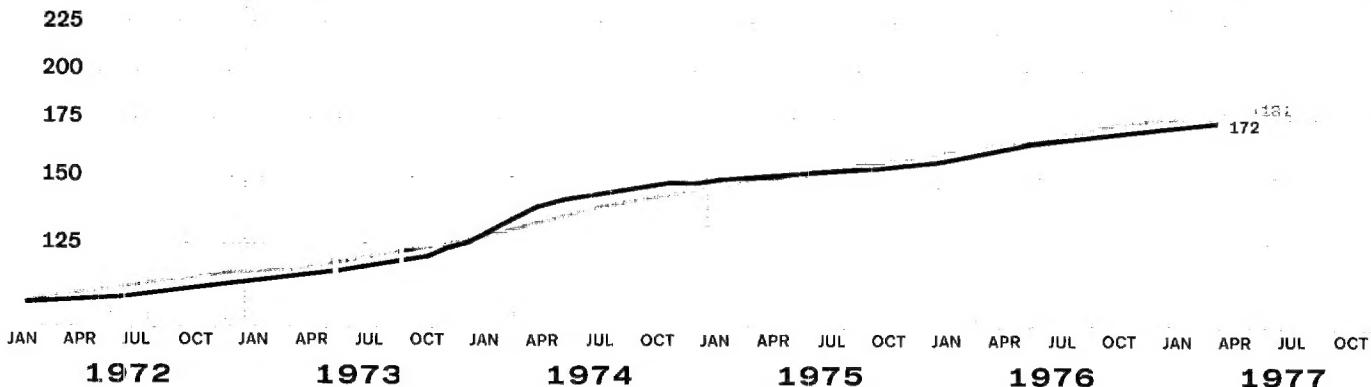
**Japan**



**West Germany**



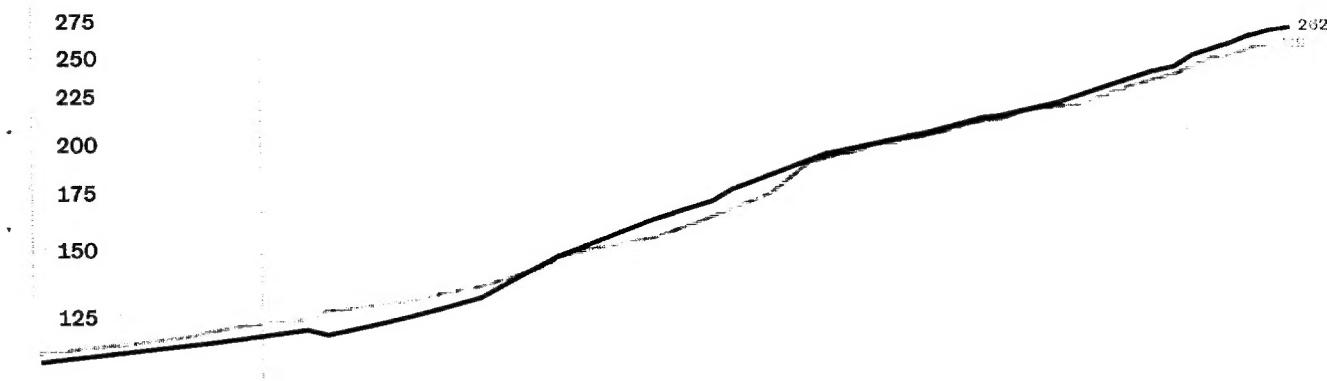
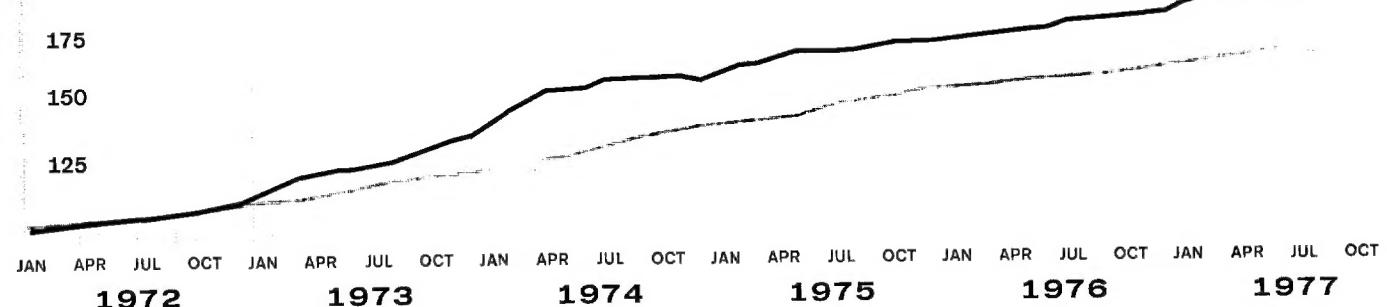
**France**



<sup>1</sup>Wholesale price indexes cover industrial goods.

**United Kingdom**

Semilogarithmic Scale

**Italy****Canada**

	AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE							AVERAGE ANNUAL GROWTH RATE SINCE						
	Percent Change from Previous Month			1970 1 Year Earlier 3 Months Earlier				Percent Change from Previous Month			1970 1 Year Earlier 3 Months Earlier			
	LATEST MONTH	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	LATEST MONTH	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	LATEST MONTH	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier		
United States	JUN 77	0.2	8.5	7.3	6.4	8.5	7.3	6.4	United Kingdom	JUN 77	1.0	14.9	20.9	19.8
	MAY 77	0.6	6.6	6.7	8.1					MAY 77	0.8	14.2	17.1	18.6
Japan	JUN 77	-0.2	7.9	2.6	-0.7	10.9	9.3	13.5	Italy	APR 77	0.7	16.1	19.8	13.5
	MAY 77	0.9	2.6	9.3	13.5					MAY 77	1.7	13.3	19.5	18.3
West Germany	MAY 77	0.1	5.4	3.1	3.1	5.7	4.0	5.6	Canada	APR 77	0.3	10.2	10.1	11.3
	JUN 77	0.5	5.4	3.1	3.1					JUN 77	0.7	7.5	7.8	8.7
France	MAR 77	0.9	8.4	8.2	7.6	9.0	9.8	13.1						
	MAY 77	0.9	9.0	9.8	13.1									

GNP<sup>1</sup>

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## Constant Market Prices

	Latest Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Percent Change from Previous Quarter		1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
		1970	1 Year Earlier	1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 I	1.3	2.9	4.1	5.2	
Japan	77 I	2.5	5.5	4.9	10.2	
West Germany	76 IV	1.8	2.5	4.5	7.3	
France	76 IV	0	3.9	4.9	0	
United Kingdom	76 IV	2.1	2.0	2.6	8.8	
Italy	76 IV	4.8	3.4	9.4	20.6	
Canada	76 IV	-0.6	4.8	3.4	-2.5	

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.

## Constant Prices

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>
		1970	1 Year Earlier	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>
United States	May 77	0.4	3.6	8.5	8.7	
Japan	Mar 77	-0.4	10.4	3.3	15.2	
West Germany	Apr 77	-7.5	1.5	-1.8	-3.4	
France	Apr 77	-7.1	-1.2	-2.1	-20.7	
United Kingdom	May 77	1.0	0.8	-2.2	-11.7	
Italy	Mar 77	0.2	2.9	-0.3	16.3	
Canada	Mar 77	-2.2	4.4	2.1	-1.2	

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.<sup>2</sup> Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.FIXED INVESTMENT<sup>1</sup>

## Non-residential; constant prices

	Latest Quarter	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Percent Change from Previous Quarter		1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
		1970	1 Year Earlier	1970	1 Year Earlier	Previous Quarter
United States	77 I	3.4	1.6	8.3	14.3	
Japan	77 I	0.2	0.9	3.9	0.8	
West Germany	76 IV	3.3	1.1	5.0	13.8	
France	75 IV	3.8	4.2	2.9	40.1	
United Kingdom	76 IV	-5.7	0.2	0.5	-24.3	
Italy	76 IV	10.6	3.1	15.7	49.6	
Canada	76 IV	3.5	6.8	5.1	38.7	

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.WAGES IN MANUFACTURING<sup>1</sup>Average  
Annual Growth Rate Since

	Latest Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Percent Change from Previous Period		1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>
		1970	1 Year Earlier	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>
United States	May 77	0.8	7.5	7.8	7.3	
Japan	Apr 77	-0.2	17.3	9.4	12.6	
West Germany	77 I	4.0	9.6	7.7	17.1	
France	77 I	2.3	14.1	13.9	9.5	
United Kingdom	Apr 77	0.3	16.0	4.7	3.9	
Italy	Apr 77	0.3	20.5	34.9	38.2	
Canada	Apr 77	0.8	11.4	11.6	13.4	

<sup>1</sup> Hourly earnings (seasonally adjusted) for the United States, Japan, and Canada; hourly wage rates for others. West German and French data refer to the beginning of the quarter.<sup>2</sup> Average for latest 3 months compared with that for previous 3 months.

## MONEY MARKET RATES

## Percent Rate of Interest

	Representative rates	Latest Date	Percent Rate of Interest		
			1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier	1 Month Earlier
United States	Commercial paper	Jul 13	5.38	5.60	4.75
Japan	Call money	Jul 15	5.63	7.00	5.25
West Germany	Interbank loans (3 months)	Jul 13	4.30	4.28	4.55
France	Call money	Jul 15	8.69	7.87	9.00
United Kingdom	Sterling interbank loans (3 months)	Jul 13	7.76	11.18	8.59
Canada	Finance paper	Jul 13	7.28	9.47	7.55
Eurodollars	Three-month deposits	Jul 13	5.77	5.76	5.09

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**EXPORT PRICES**  
US \$

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		Average				
		Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	0.8	10.1	6.5	3.5	
Japan	Apr 77	1.7	11.0	18.4	14.7	
West Germany	Apr 77	0.8	11.5	9.5	1.6	
France	Feb 77	0.4	11.6	2.7	14.9	
United Kingdom	May 77	1.9	10.8	14.6	15.2	
Italy	Feb 77	2.9	11.3	17.6	29.1	
Canada	Mar 77	1.2	9.8	10.0	22.1	

**IMPORT PRICES**

National Currency

		Average				
		Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	2.7	14.0	9.5	22.3	
Japan	Apr 77	-7.0	10.6	-4.1	-23.8	
West Germany	Apr 77	1.3	4.6	3.7	2.7	
France	Feb 77	2.1	10.8	19.3	16.8	
United Kingdom	May 77	0.1	19.9	18.7	11.0	
Italy	Feb 77	4.6	21.9	39.3	33.4	
Canada	Mar 77	2.6	9.3	11.0	30.8	

**CURRENT ACCOUNT BALANCE<sup>1</sup>**

		Cumulative (Million US \$)			
		Latest Period	Million US \$	1977	1976
					Change
United States <sup>2</sup>	77 I	-4,317	-4,317	540	-4,857
Japan	May 77	120	2,237	409	1,828
West Germany	Apr 77	356	1,185	1,278	-93
France	77 I	-1,660	-1,660	1,316	-345
United Kingdom	77 I	-502	-502	-466	-36
Italy	76 IV	-882	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Canada	77 I	-1,624	-1,624	-1,911	287

<sup>1</sup> Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

<sup>2</sup> Seasonally adjusted.

**EXCHANGE RATES**

**Spot Rate**

As of 15 Jul 77

	US \$	Percent Change from			
		Per Unit	19 Mar 73	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
Japan (yen)	0.0038	-0.87	11.08	4.61	-0.13
West Germany (Deutsche mark)	0.4382	23.75	12.84	3.97	1.09
France (franc)	0.2059	-6.59	0.46	2.16	0.28
United Kingdom (pound sterling)	1.7195	-30.13	-3.15	0.06	0
Italy (lira)	0.0011	-35.99	-5.03	0.44	0.09
Canada (dollar)	0.9443	-5.35	-8.03	-0.99	0.05

**EXPORT PRICES**  
National Currency

		Average				
		Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Latest Month	Percent Change from Previous Month	1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
United States	Mar 77	0.8	10.1	6.5	3.5	
Japan	Apr 77	1.7	6.7	9.2	-7.3	
West Germany	Apr 77	0.8	4.6	2.6	-1.5	
France	Feb 77	0.4	9.8	14.4	14.0	
United Kingdom	May 77	1.9	16.3	20.7	13.0	
Italy	Feb 77	2.9	17.3	35.1	39.2	
Canada	Mar 77	1.2	8.2	6.1	6.9	

**OFFICIAL RESERVES**

		Billion US \$				
		Latest Month		1 Year Earlier		
		End of	Billion US \$	Jun 1970	Earlier	Earlier
United States	Apr 77	18.9	14.5	17.4	18.7	
Japan	May 77	17.3	4.1	15.2	16.8	
West Germany	Apr 77	34.6	8.8	34.4	34.4	
France	Mar 77	9.8	4.4	11.1	9.7	
United Kingdom	Jun 77	11.6	2.8	5.3	9.7	
Italy	Sep 76	5.1	4.7	5.8	5.2	
Canada	Apr 77	5.2	4.3	5.8	5.7	

**BASIC BALANCE<sup>1</sup>**

Current and Long-Term-Capital Transactions

		Cumulative (Million US \$)			
		Latest Period	Million US \$	1977	1976
					Change
United States		No longer published <sup>2</sup>			
Japan	May 77	-120	1,178	775	403
West Germany	Apr 77	-640	-413	466	-879
France	77 I	-1,351	-1,351	-2,015	663
United Kingdom	76 IV	-205	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Italy	76 III	779	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Canada	77 I	-583	-583	882	-1,465

<sup>1</sup> Converted to US dollars at the current market rates of exchange.

<sup>2</sup> As recommended by the Advisory Committee on the Presentation of Balance of Payments Statistics, the Department of Commerce no longer publishes a basic balance.

**TRADE-WEIGHTED EXCHANGE RATES<sup>1</sup>**

As of 15 Jul 77

	US \$	Percent Change from			
		19 Mar 73	Earlier	Earlier	8 Jul 77
United States		10.08	4.65	3.74	4.80
Japan		6.32	14.56	5.94	1.54
West Germany		33.16	14.21	7.73	5.71
France		-0.14	2.86	8.68	8.07
United Kingdom		-27.54	-1.41	4.30	5.16
Italy		-36.40	-5.53	3.11	4.35
Canada		-2.55	-7.95	-0.56	0.89

<sup>1</sup> Weighting is based on each listed country's trade with 16 other industrialized countries to determine the relative importance of exchange rate variations among the major currencies.

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Developed Countries: Direction of Trade<sup>1</sup>

Million US \$

	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC <sup>2</sup>	Com-munist		World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC <sup>2</sup>	Com-munist	
					Work	Seven					Other	Other
<b>UNITED STATES</b>												
1974 .....	97,508	45,884	16,870	6,690	2,258	26,206	107,997	53,332	10,912	17,256	1,078	25,419
1975 .....	107,191	46,941	16,180	10,768	3,421	29,881	103,414	49,807	8,818	18,371	1,253	25,165
1976 .....	114,597	51,298	17,607	12,552	3,935	29,605	129,565	60,387	9,738	24,995	1,572	32,873
1st Qtr .....	27,360	2,184	4,159	2,751	1,144	7,122	29,339	13,717	2,479	5,570	356	7,217
2d Qtr .....	29,495	3,383	4,527	3,113	1,036	7,636	31,650	15,247	2,491	5,582	333	7,997
3d Qtr .....	27,437	1,944	4,114	3,103	850	7,426	33,734	16,693	2,401	7,156	423	7,061
4th Qtr .....	30,505	3,787	4,807	3,585	905	7,421	34,842	14,730	2,367	6,687	460	10,598
1977 .....												
1st Qtr .....	29,458	3,681	4,602	3,602	951	7,162	37,361	16,070	2,745	8,324	397	9,825
Apr .....	10,548	4,686	1,613	1,080	352	2,817	13,249	5,714	873	3,060	152	3,450
<b>JAPAN</b>												
1974 .....	54,480	19,101	7,477	5,446	3,915	18,541	62,046	18,780	7,303	19,965	3,119	12,879
1975 .....	54,822	16,567	6,091	8,406	5,283	18,475	57,856	16,929	6,084	19,427	3,383	12,033
1976 .....	67,354	22,406	8,588	9,277	5,049	22,044	64,895	17,534	7,778	21,877	2,926	14,780
1st Qtr .....	14,429	4,848	1,827	1,872	1,289	4,593	14,832	4,083	1,696	5,213	671	3,169
2d Qtr .....	16,431	5,402	2,092	2,271	1,348	5,318	15,903	4,347	1,943	5,400	677	3,536
3d Qtr .....	17,542	5,897	2,272	2,476	1,135	5,762	16,818	4,497	2,137	5,406	747	4,031
4th Qtr .....	18,952	6,259	2,397	2,659	1,277	6,370	17,342	4,607	2,002	5,858	831	4,044
1977 .....												
1st Qtr .....	17,911	5,848	2,449	2,459	1,409	5,746	17,452	4,717	1,845	6,246	801	3,843
Apr .....	6,870	2,241	846	967	464	2,352	5,766	1,537	664	1,776	298	1,491
<b>WEST GERMANY</b>												
1974 .....	89,138	30,998	37,605	4,268	6,884	9,433	68,962	23,762	26,079	8,406	3,209	7,506
1975 .....	90,013	28,331	36,407	6,777	9,029	9,519	74,986	27,085	27,755	8,228	4,167	7,751
1976 .....	101,919	33,372	41,720	8,231	8,575	10,091	88,230	31,008	31,351	9,718	5,050	11,103
1st Qtr .....	22,467	7,855	9,437	1,705	2,064	1,406	20,147	6,790	7,114	2,189	1,046	3,008
2d Qtr .....	24,510	3,147	10,019	1,832	1,771	2,801	21,571	7,478	7,778	2,222	1,127	2,966
3d Qtr .....	26,117	3,134	10,445	2,235	2,385	2,948	21,792	8,136	7,900	2,575	1,550	1,631
4th Qtr .....	28,805	9,236	11,819	2,459	2,355	2,936	24,720	8,604	8,559	2,731	1,327	3,499
1977 .....												
1st Qtr .....	27,804	2,281	11,609	2,307	2,156	2,451	24,084	8,465	8,828	2,578	1,270	2,943
<b>FRANCE</b>												
1974 .....	46,318	19,345	15,245	3,164	1,874	6,760	52,820	22,040	13,874	8,848	1,547	6,511
1975 .....	53,015	19,959	15,183	4,952	3,094	9,817	54,238	23,040	14,350	9,448	1,591	5,809
1976 .....	55,610	22,438	16,081	5,080	3,558	8,523	64,255	27,750	16,894	11,359	2,384	5,868
1st Qtr .....	13,619	3,524	3,921	1,240	917	2,037	15,529	6,567	4,157	2,817	595	1,393
2d Qtr .....	14,749	3,911	4,395	1,222	1,059	2,182	16,187	7,149	4,324	2,610	593	1,511
3d Qtr .....	12,409	4,922	3,446	1,292	729	2,020	14,840	6,431	3,733	2,746	577	1,352
4th Qtr .....	14,843	6,081	4,319	1,326	853	2,284	17,699	7,603	4,680	3,185	619	1,612
1977 .....												
Jan-Feb .....	9,644	3,938	2,852	873	499	1,482	11,278	4,659	3,044	2,023	367	1,185
<b>UNITED KINGDOM</b>												
1974 .....	37,160	17,765	17,006	2,567	1,197	4,625	54,510	18,272	18,253	8,020	1,849	8,116
1975 .....	41,731	11,339	16,515	4,553	1,480	6,844	53,147	18,301	18,274	6,962	1,771	7,839
1976 .....	46,352	14,026	17,803	5,132	1,625	7,768	56,224	19,332	19,271	7,291	2,240	8,090
1st Qtr .....	11,615	3,409	4,414	1,238	433	2,121	13,639	4,357	4,975	1,825	510	1,972
2d Qtr .....	11,560	3,531	4,379	1,254	422	1,974	14,133	5,058	4,626	1,738	590	2,121
3d Qtr .....	11,089	3,437	4,186	1,265	389	1,812	13,861	4,746	4,573	1,891	597	2,054
4th Qtr .....	12,083	3,649	4,821	1,376	381	1,861	14,591	5,171	5,097	1,836	543	1,944
1977 .....												
1st Qtr .....	13,150	4,008	5,145	1,516	413	2,068	15,575	5,786	5,068	1,784	514	2,423
Apr .....	4,427	1,264	1,754	531	152	726	5,064	1,875	1,666	501	185	837

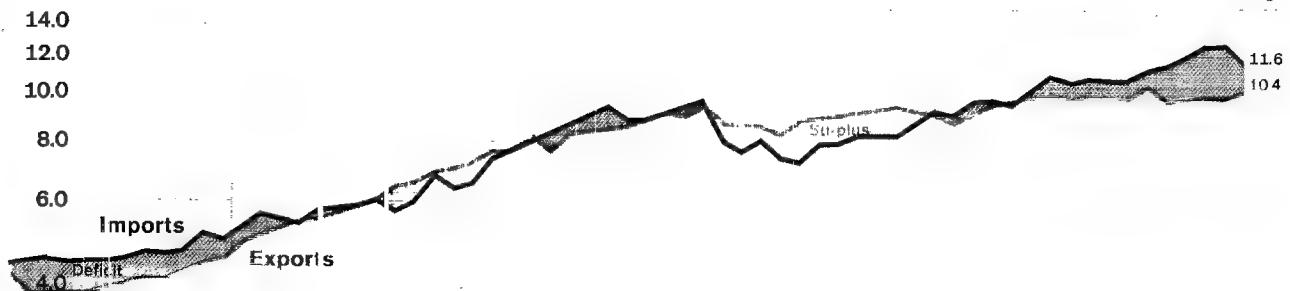
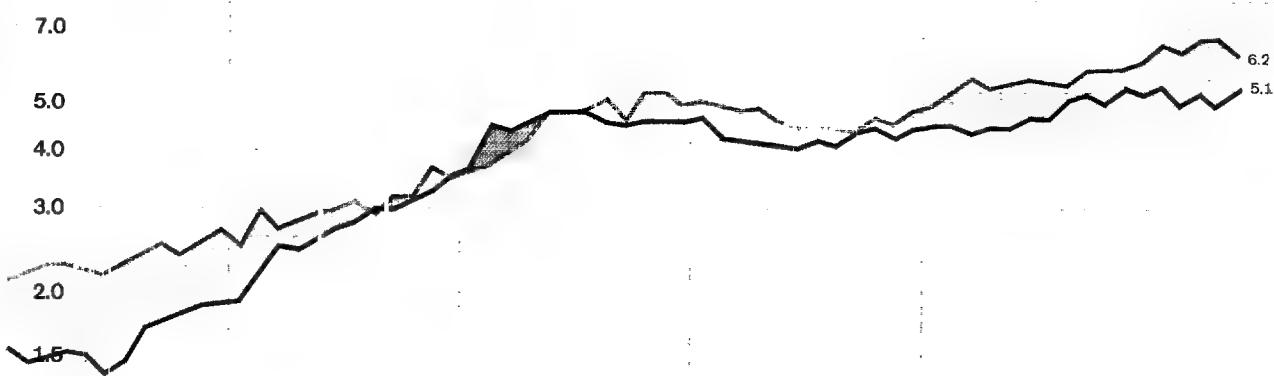
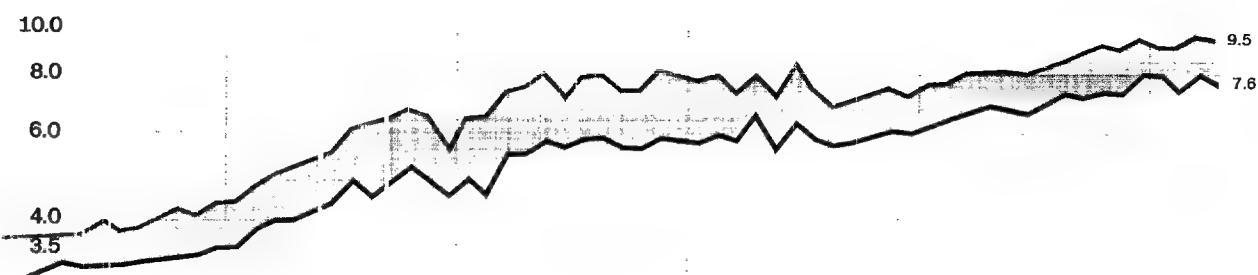
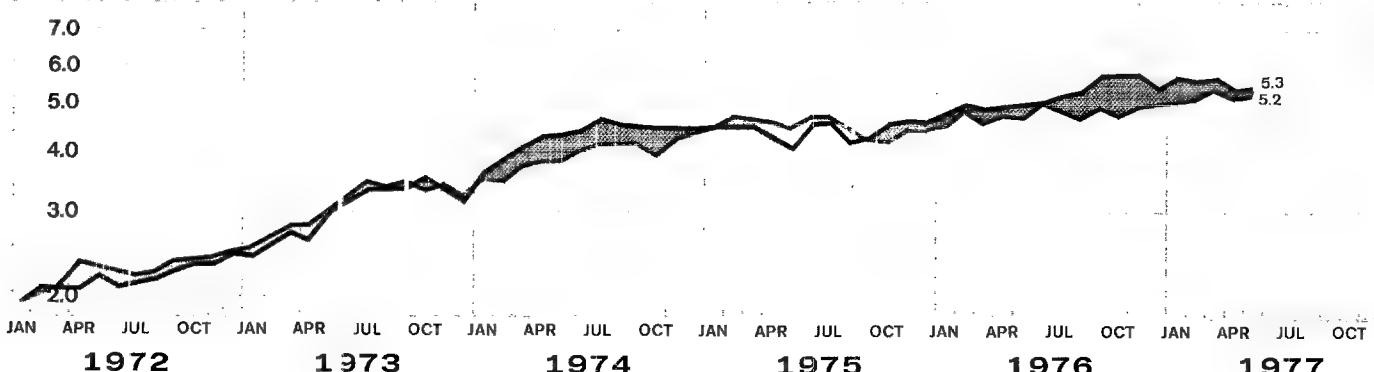
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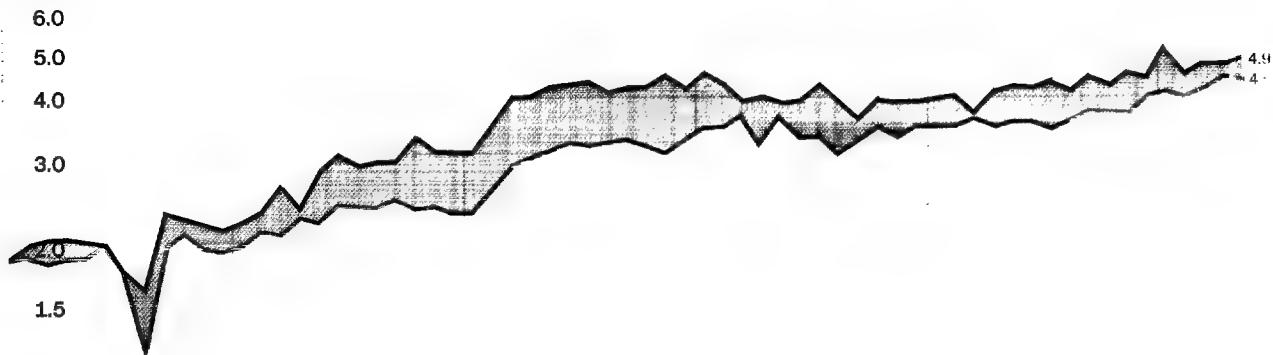
	Exports to (f.o.b.)						Imports from (c.i.f.)					
	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC <sup>2</sup>	Communist	Other	World	Big Seven	Other OECD	OPEC <sup>2</sup>	Communist	Other
<b>ITALY</b>												
1974 .....	30,261	13,796	7,681	2,427	1,721	4,636	40,977	18,003	7,216	9,313	1,944	4,501
1975 .....	34,230	15,345	7,468	3,710	2,895	4,812	37,793	17,072	6,367	6,993	2,304	5,057
1976 .....	35,364	16,698	8,276	4,165	2,591	3,634	41,789	18,585	7,759	8,124	3,000	4,321
1st Qtr .....	7,398	3,513	1,713	811	597	764	9,092	4,063	1,708	1,816	608	897
2d Qtr .....	8,705	4,157	2,040	958	623	927	10,716	4,786	1,918	2,106	744	1,162
3d Qtr .....	9,398	4,505	2,191	1,056	656	990	10,335	4,497	1,860	2,029	792	1,157
4th Qtr .....	9,863	4,523	2,332	1,340	715	953	11,646	5,239	2,273	2,173	856	1,105
<b>CANADA</b>												
1974 .....	32,904	27,092	2,004	548	659	2,601	33,309	26,727	1,777	2,698	257	1,850
1975 .....	32,201	26,582	1,689	700	1,153	2,077	35,435	27,887	1,621	3,174	310	2,443
1976 .....	36,840	30,783	2,077	928	1,259	1,793	38,705	31,118	2,034	3,154	369	2,030
1st Qtr .....	8,422	7,103	381	167	328	443	9,404	7,572	473	868	87	404
2d Qtr .....	9,964	8,408	480	184	346	546	10,244	8,174	683	930	96	361
3d Qtr .....	9,112	7,465	576	270	349	452	9,378	7,417	473	715	96	677
4th Qtr .....	9,342	7,807	640	307	236	352	9,679	7,955	405	642	90	587
1977												
1st Qtr .....	9,670	8,201	524	247	231	467	10,025	8,164	406	742	90	623

<sup>1</sup> Data are unadjusted. Because of rounding, components may not add to the totals shown.

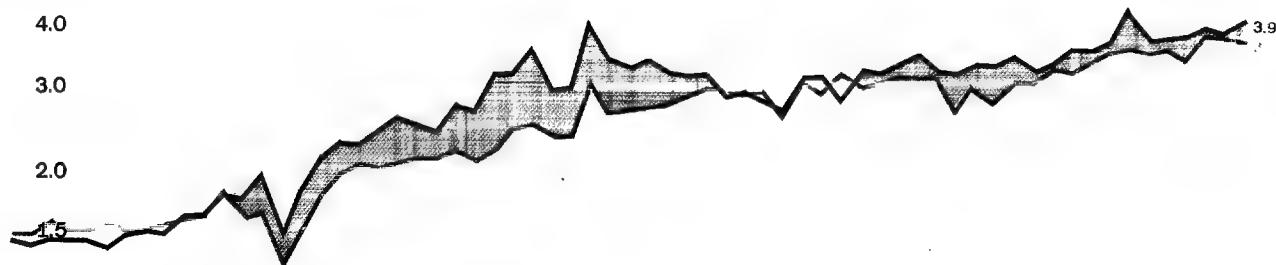
<sup>2</sup> Including Gabon.

**FOREIGN TRADE** BILLION US \$, f.o.b., seasonally adjusted**United States****Japan****West Germany****France**

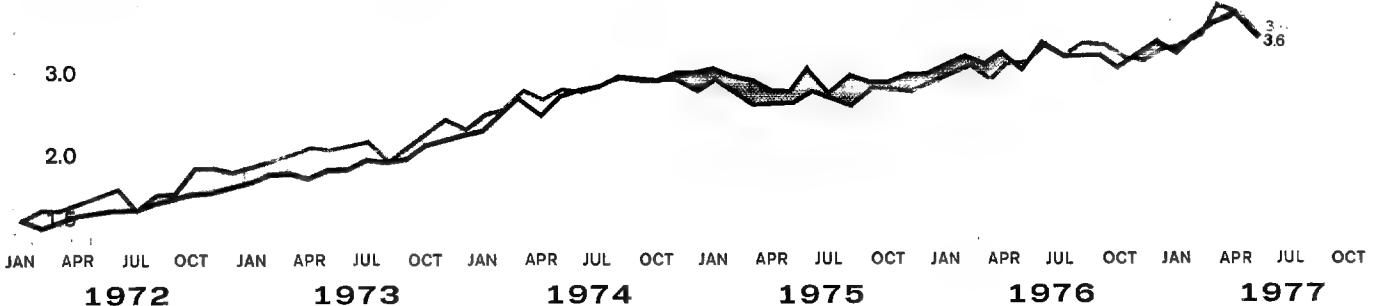
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**Italy**



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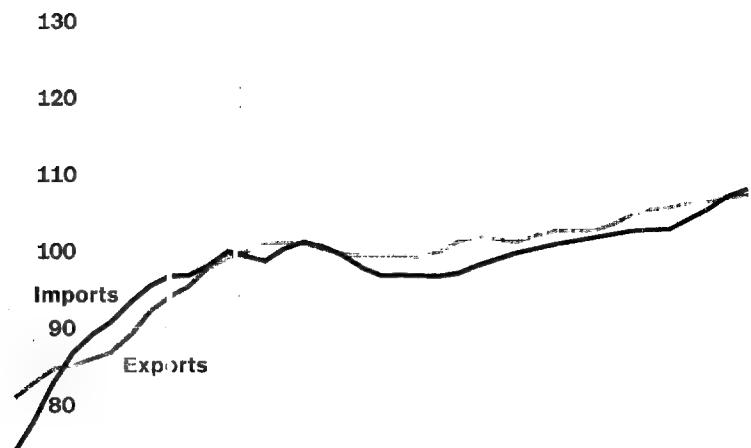
CUMULATIVE (MILLION US \$)										CUMULATIVE (MILLION US \$)									
	LATEST MONTH	MILLION US \$	1977	1976	CHANGE		LATEST MONTH	MILLION US \$	1977	1976	CHANGE								
<b>United States</b>	MAY 77	10,395	49,843	45,967	8.4%	<b>United Kingdom</b>	MAY 77	4,495	21,722	18,02	20.5%								
	Balance	11,618	59,611	46,328	28.7%		4,915	24,021	20,237	18.7%									
<b>Japan</b>	MAY 77	6,231	32,360	26,222	23.4%	<b>Italy</b>	MAY 77	3,591	17,701	14,15	25.0%								
	Balance	5,135	25,290	21,680	16.7%		3,875	18,709	15,975	17.1%									
<b>West Germany</b>	APR 77	9,460	37,390	31,597	18.3%	<b>Canada</b>	MAY 77	3,577	18,731	15,35	22.0%								
	Balance	7,647	31,097	26,069	19.3%		3,628	17,998	15,597	15.4%									
<b>France</b>	MAY 77	5,170	25,812	23,189	11.3%		Balance	-51	732	-240	972								
	Balance	5,271	27,022	23,867	13.2%														
		-101	-1,211	-677	-533														

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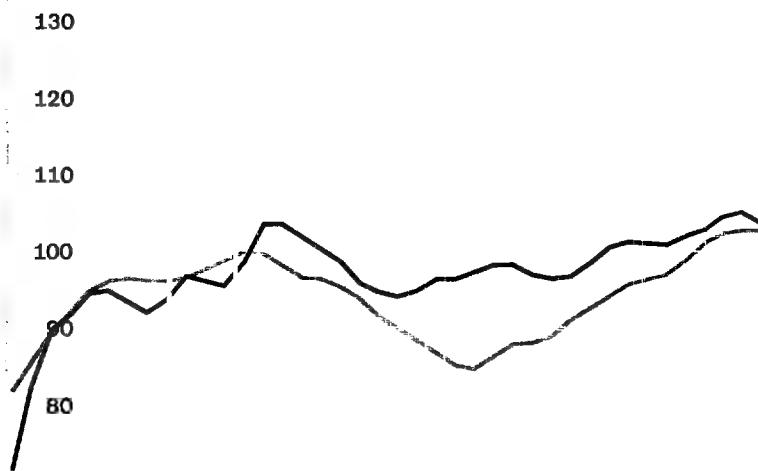
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**FOREIGN TRADE PRICES IN US \$<sup>1</sup>**

**United States**

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**Japan**



**West Germany**

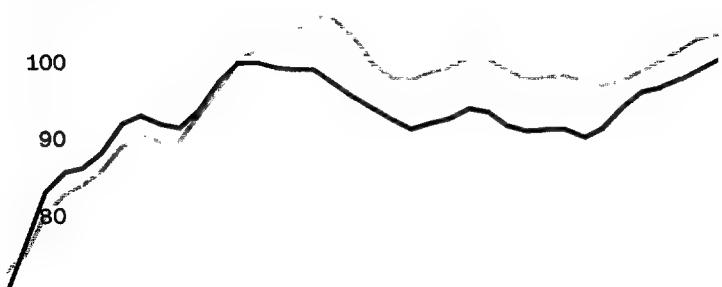


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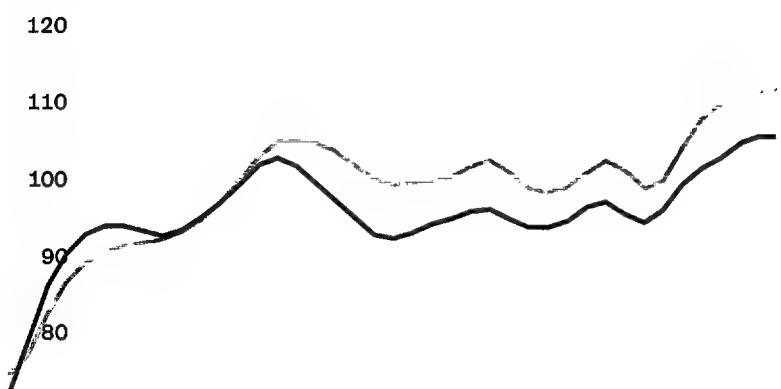
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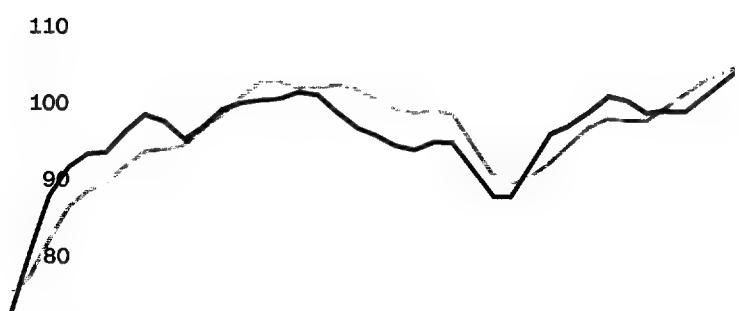
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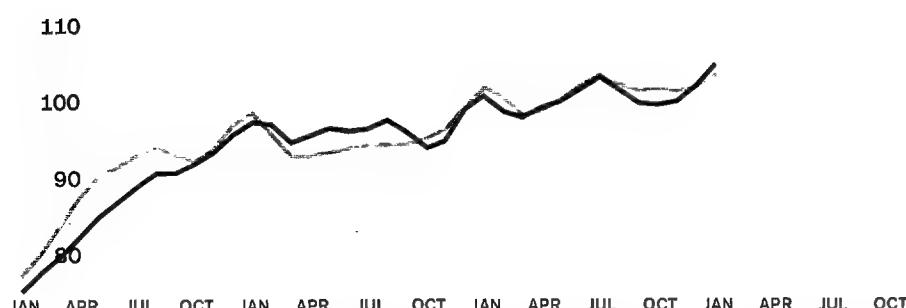
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**Italy**



**Canada**



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**SELECTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES**

**INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION<sup>1</sup>**

	Latest Period	Percent Change from Previous Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
			1970		1 Year Earlier
			1970	Earlier	3 Months Earlier <sup>2</sup>
Brazil	76 II	0.	11.0	10.7	0.4
India	Oct 76	0.1	4.2	6.7	-12.6
South Korea	Apr 77	3.6	21.8	11.8	1.0
Mexico	Feb 77	3.1	5.2	-1.5	-7.4
Nigeria	76 II	2.4	18.7	60.3	9.8
Taiwan	Apr 77	-0.1	14.6	10.3	-11.0

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

**MONEY SUPPLY<sup>1</sup>**

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since				
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1970	1 Year Earlier	3 Months Earlier
		Month	1970	Month	1970	Month
Brazil	Jan 77		-3.1		35.5	28.2
Egypt	Feb 77		5.1		18.3	22.7
India	Jan 77		1.2		12.2	18.3
Iran	Feb 77		0.9		28.2	35.2
South Korea	Apr 77		4.5		31.1	34.6
Mexico	Jun 76		-0.3		17.0	16.6
Nigeria	Dec 76		5.2		35.0	49.5
Taiwan	Jan 77		-6.2		22.6	5.7
Thailand	Feb 77		4.0		13.6	17.1

<sup>1</sup> Seasonally adjusted.

<sup>2</sup> Average for latest 3 months compared with average for previous 3 months.

**CONSUMER PRICES**

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year Earlier
		Month	1970	Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77	3.3	26.6	44.4
India	Feb 77	1.0	8.2	6.9
Iran	Feb 77	2.6	11.3	26.2
South Korea	Apr 77	0.1	14.6	9.6
Mexico	May 77	0.9	14.7	31.4
Nigeria	Jan 77	4.5	15.0	13.5
Taiwan	Apr 77	0.8	10.4	2.0
Thailand	Jan 77	0.6	8.3	3.6

**WHOLESALE PRICES**

	Latest Month	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		Percent Change from Previous Month		1 Year Earlier
		Month	1970	Earlier
Brazil	Apr 77		4.3	27.3
India	Feb 77		1.8	9.4
Iran	Feb 77		3.3	10.8
South Korea	Apr 77		0.3	16.8
Mexico	May 77		2.2	16.6
Taiwan	Apr 77		0.8	9.3
Thailand	Jan 77		0.7	9.9

**EXPORT PRICES**

	Latest Period	Average Annual Growth Rate Since		
		Percent Change from Previous Period		1 Year Earlier
		Period	1970	Earlier
Brazil	Oct 76	-0.4	14.5	26.5
India	Sep 76	-3.8	9.2	6.4
Iran	Mar 77	0	37.6	18.7
South Korea	76 IV	2.4	8.9	15.0
Nigeria	May 76	-0.1	33.2	8.2
Taiwan	Jan 77	0.9	12.2	6.5
Thailand	Oct 76	12.0	13.1	6.3

**OFFICIAL RESERVES**

	Latest Month	Million US \$		
		End of Month		1 Year Earlier
		Million US \$	Jun 1970	Earlier
Brazil	Feb 77	5,873	1,013	3,667
Egypt	Feb 77	377	155	285
India	Feb 77	3,481	1,006	1,837
Iran	Apr 77	10,548	208	7,951
South Korea	Apr 77	3,247	602	1,772
Mexico	Mar 76	1,501	695	1,479
Nigeria	Apr 77	4,784	148	6,165
Taiwan	Feb 77	1,414	531	1,097
Thailand	May 77	2,005	978	1,903

**FOREIGN TRADE, f.o.b.**

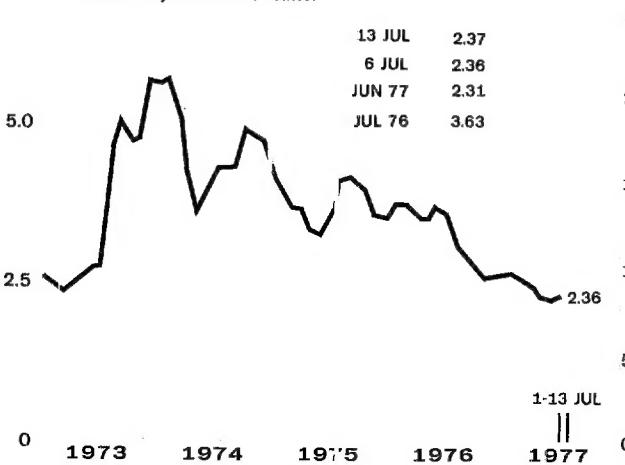
			Latest 3 Months		Percent Change from			Cumulative (Million US \$)		
			Latest Period	Earlier <sup>1</sup>	Earlier	3 Months		1 Year		1977
						Earlier <sup>1</sup>	Earlier	1977	1976	
Brazil		Apr 77	Exports	-1.2	38.6	13,904	11,244	23.7%		
		Apr 77	Imports	-11.5	-1.1	16,077	16,064	0.1%		
		Apr 77	Balance			-2,173	-4,821	2,648		
Egypt		76 IV	Exports	-97.9	-47.8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
		76 IV	Imports	-93.5	-54.7	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
		76 IV	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
India		Feb 77	Exports	13.7	10.6	5,905	5,095	15.9%		
		Feb 77	Imports	26.3	8.7	5,268	6,227	-15.4%		
		Feb 77	Balance			637	-1,132	1,769		
Iran		Mar 77	Exports	-12.6	22.8	29,979	25,156	19.2%		
		Nov 76	Imports	-37.0	9.8	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
		Nov 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
South Korea		Jan 77	Exports	16.1	40.5	8,357	5,373	55.5%		
		Jan 77	Imports	22.2	17.6	8,590	7,118	20.7%		
		Jan 77	Balance			-233	-1,745	1,512		
Mexico		Apr 77	Exports	71.9	45.1	4,783	3,936	21.5%		
		Apr 77	Imports	-33.8	-17.6	7,323	8,220	-10.9%		
		Apr 77	Balance			-2,540	-4,284	1,743		
Nigeria		Mar 77	Exports	44.9	23.0	13,044	10,495	24.3%		
		Aug 76	Imports	-16.3	15.1	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
		Aug 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
Taiwan		Apr 77	Exports	-43.8	3.0	10,688	7,691	39.0%		
		Apr 77	Imports	-27.0	5.3	9,369	7,630	22.8%		
		Apr 77	Balance			1,319	62	1,257		
Thailand		Dec 76	Exports	70.1	50.0	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		
		Feb 77	Imports	24.6	25.9	3,853	3,461	11.3%		
		Dec 76	Balance			N.A.	N.A.	N.A.		

<sup>1</sup> At annual rates.

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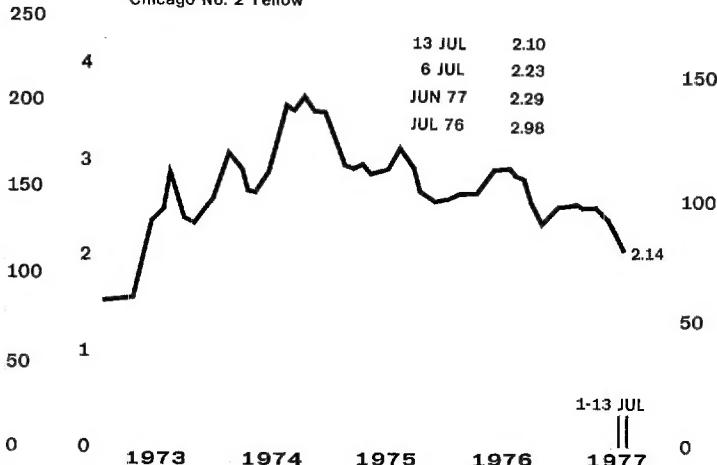
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\$ PER BUSHEL

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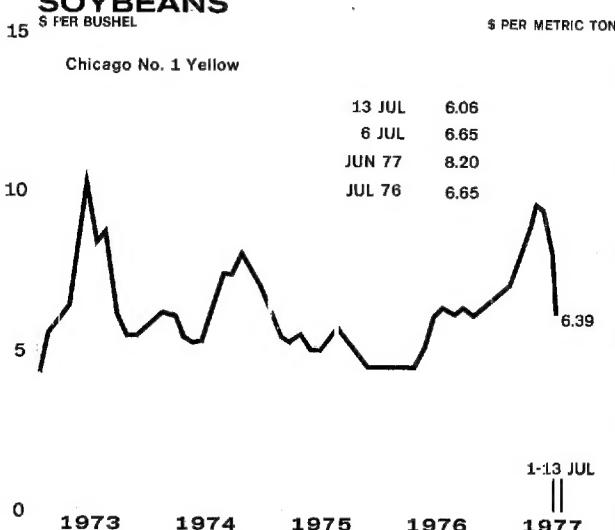
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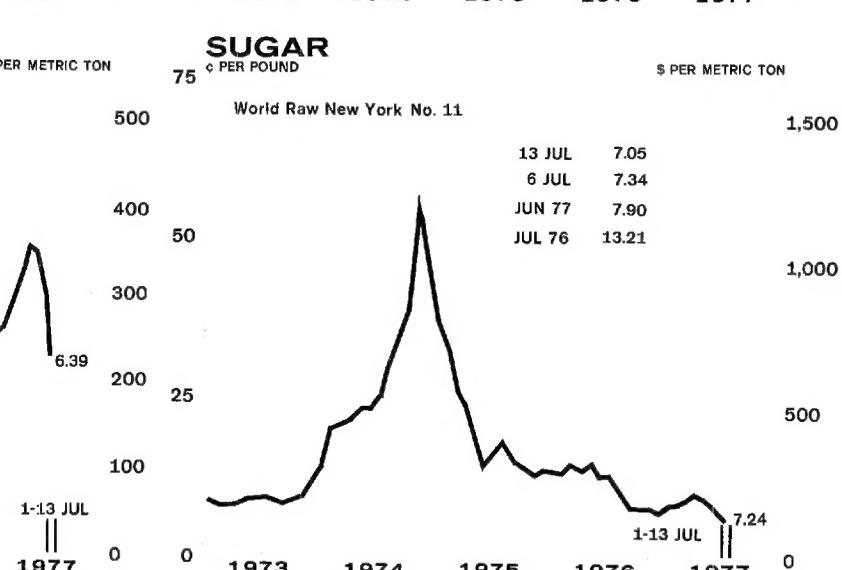
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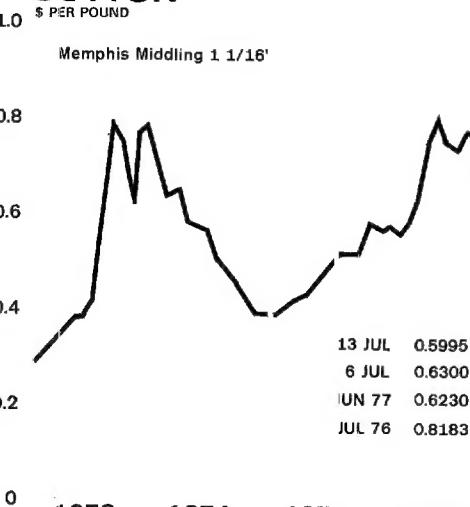
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World Raw New York No. 11



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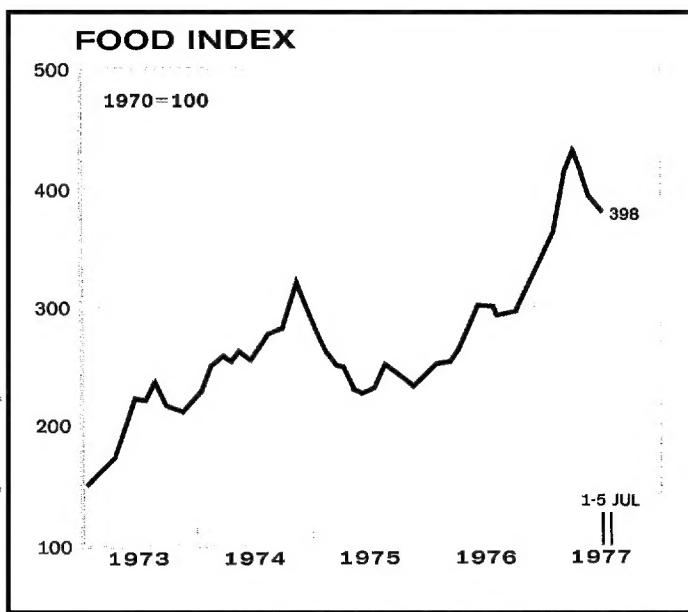
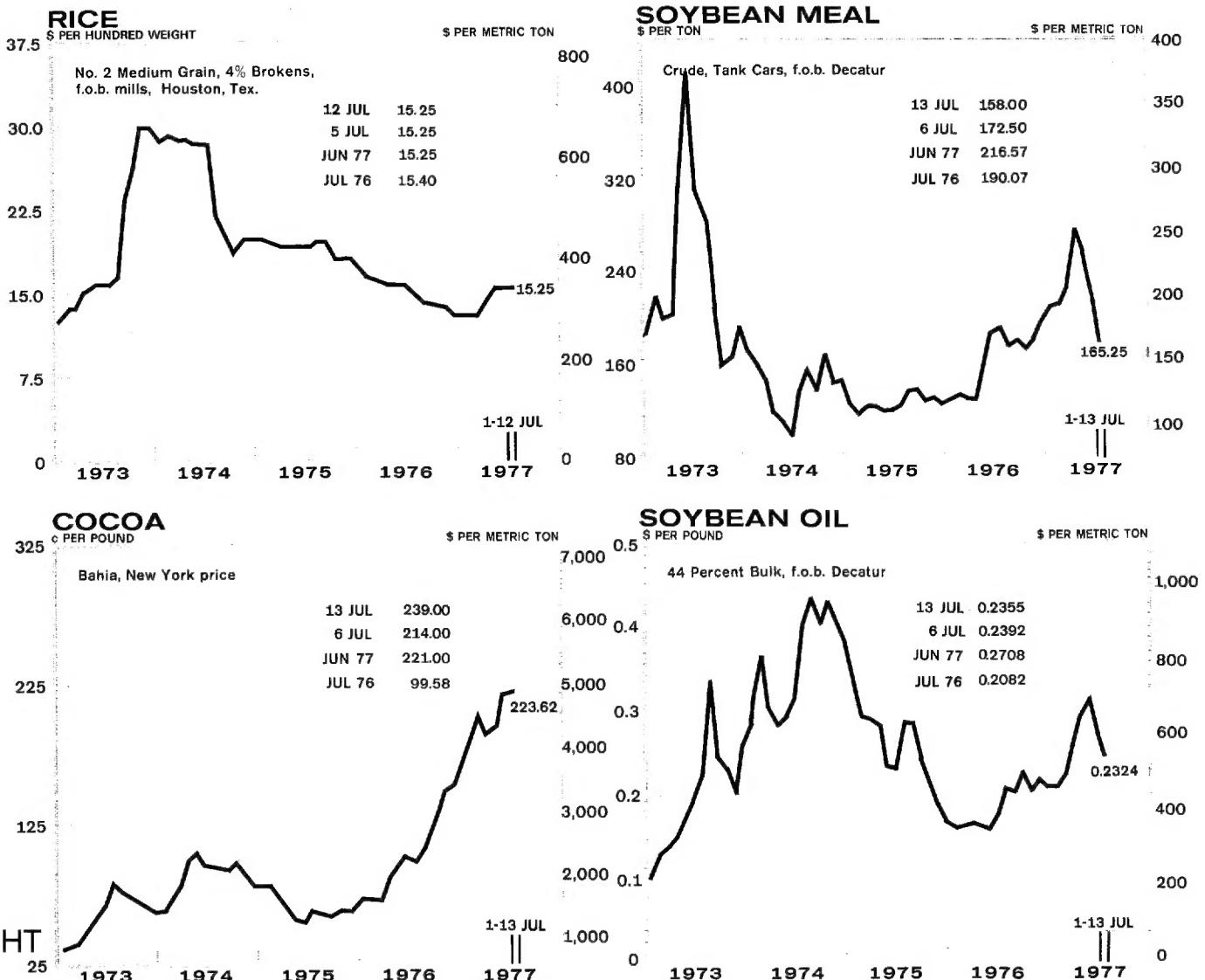
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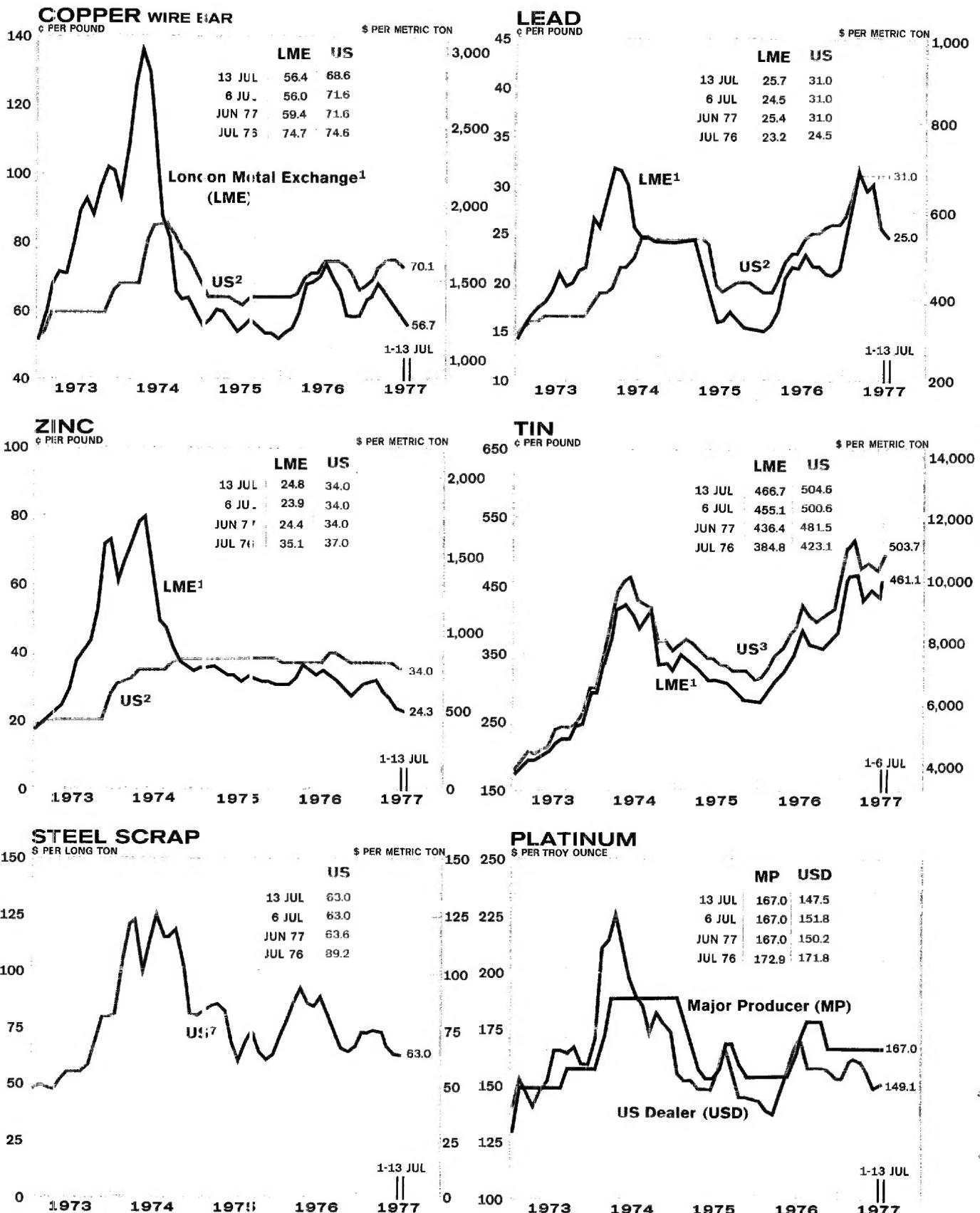
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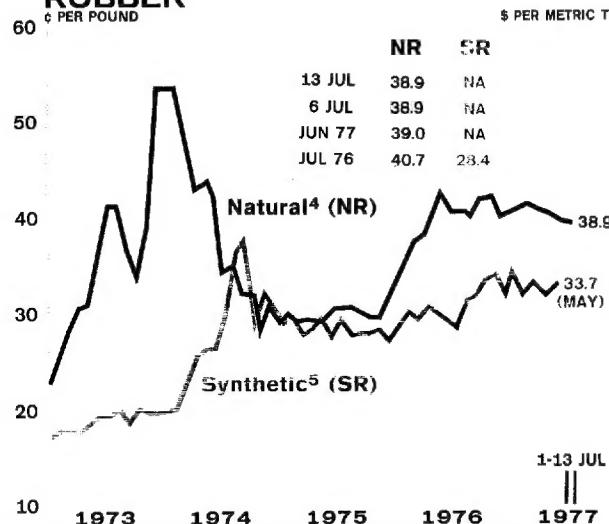
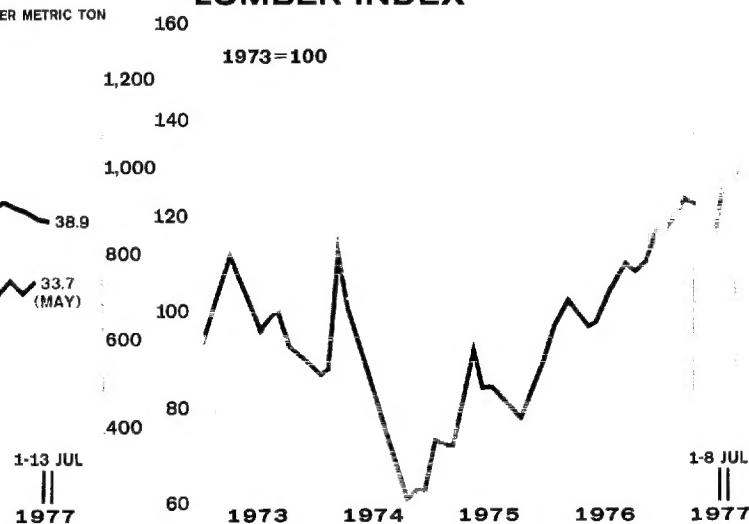
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**INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS PRICES** MONTHLY AVERAGE CASH PRICE



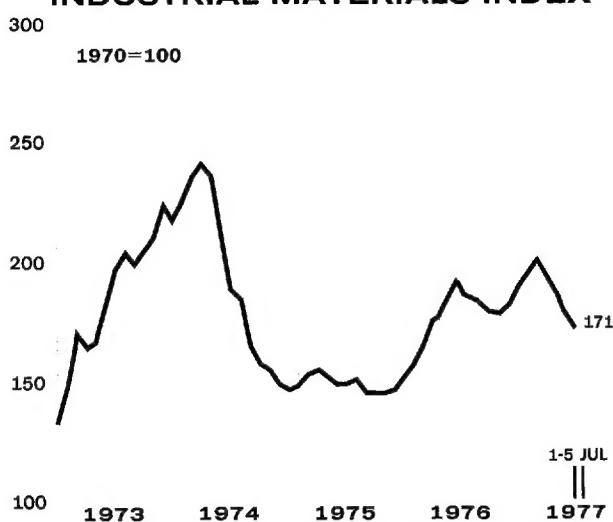
## SELECTED MATERIALS

			CURRENT	JAN 77	JUL 76	JUL 75
ALUMINUM	Major US Producer	¢ per pound	53.00	48.00	44.00	39.00
US STEEL	Composite	\$ per long ton	357.08	339.27	323.79	289.23
IRON ORE	Non-Bessemer Old Range	\$ per long ton	21.43	20.88	19.50	18.43
CHROME ORE	Russian, Metallurgical Grade	\$ per metric ton	150.00	150.00	150.00	135.00
CHROME ORE	S. Africa, Chemical Grade	\$ per long ton	58.50	42.00	39.95	35.05
FERROCHROME	US Producer, 66-70 Percent	¢ per pound	43.00	43.00	45.00	53.50
NICKEL	Major US Producer Cathode	¢ per pound	241	2.41	2.20	2.01
MANGANESE ORE	48 Percent Mn	\$ per long ton	72.00	72.00	72.00	67.20
TUNGSTEN ORE	65 Percent WO <sub>3</sub>	\$ per short ton	10,437.38	9,215.11	6,613.06	5,019.88
MERCURY	NY	\$ per 76 pound flask	109.00	141.19	110.00	142.73
SILVER	LME Cash	¢ per troy ounce	444.50	440.61	476.64	471.31
GOLD	London Afternoon Fixing Price	\$ per troy ounce	141.16	132.28	117.75	164.59

RUBBER  
¢ PER POUNDLUMBER INDEX<sup>6</sup>

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## INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS INDEX



<sup>1</sup>Approximates world market price frequently used by major world producers and traders, although only small quantities of these metals are actually traded on the LME.

<sup>2</sup>Producers' price, covers most primary metals sold in the US.

<sup>3</sup>As of 1 Dec 75, US tin price quoted is "Tin NY lb composite."

<sup>4</sup>Quoted on New York market.

<sup>5</sup>S-type styrene, US export price.

<sup>6</sup>This index is compiled by using the average of 13 types of lumber whose prices are regarded as "bell wethers" of US lumber construction costs.

<sup>7</sup>Composite price for Chicago, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh.

NOTE: The industrial materials index is compiled by the Economist for 19 raw materials which enter International trade. Commodities are weighted by 3-year moving averages of imports into industrialized countries.

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